

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

<b>KRISTEN BEHRENS, ESQ.,</b> as Administratrix, et al.  <b>v.</b>  <b>ARCONIC, INC.,</b> et al.	<b>CIVIL ACTION</b>  <b>NO. 19-2664</b>
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**ORDER RE FRENCH BLOCKING STATUTE DISCOVERY DISPUTE**

**AND NOW**, this 13th day of March, 2020, upon consideration of the parties' briefs (ECF 96 (Arconic's Brief); ECF 99 (Plaintiffs' Brief); the Expert and Master Report of Noëlle Lenoir (ECF 142-1), along with Plaintiffs' objections (ECF 147) and Arconic's Response (ECF 155); and for the reasons stated at the hearing on March 11, 2020, it is hereby **ORDERED** that the Recommendation of the Expert and Master is approved and Plaintiffs shall utilize the procedures of the Hague Convention on the Taking of Evidence Abroad in Civil or Commercial Matters to obtain the documents that Arconic asserts are protected by the French Blocking Statute.

The parties shall meet and confer regarding the method of the Hague Convention that will be utilized. The parties shall submit an agreed-upon order or separate forms of order as to the preferred method by Thursday March 19, 2020 at 4pm.<sup>1</sup>

**BY THIS COURT:**

s/ Michael M. Baylson

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**Michael M. Baylson**  
**United States District Court Judge**

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<sup>1</sup> The Expert and Master appointed by the Court, Noëlle Lenoir, has advised that she is able and willing to serve as Commissioner.